

the National Landscape Conservation System in the State of New Mexico, after receiving testimony from Senators Udall (NM) and Begich; Marcilynn A. Burke, Deputy Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Jay Jensen, Deputy Under Secretary of Agriculture for Forestry, Natural Resources and Environment; Oscar Vasquez Butler, Dona Ana County Board of Commissioners, and Jerry G. Schickedanz, People for Preserving our Western Heritage, both of Las Cruces, New Mexico; and Byron Mallott, Sealaska Corporation, and Bob Claus, Southeast Alaska Conservation Council, both of Juneau, Alaska.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of William E. Kennard, of the District of Columbia, to be Representative to the European Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador, Cynthia Stroum, of Washington, to be Ambassador to Luxembourg, who was introduced by Senator Cantwell, John F. Tefft, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador to Ukraine, and Michael C. Polt, of Tennessee, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Estonia, all of the Department of State, and James Legarde Hudson, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, who was introduced by Senator Kaufman, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1692, to extend the sunset of certain provisions of the USA PATRIOT Act and the authority to issue national security letters, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Brendan V. Johnson, to be United States Attorney for the District of South Dakota, Karen Louise Loeffler, to be United States Attorney for the District of Alaska, and Steven Gerard

O'Donnell, to be United States Marshal for the District of Rhode Island, all of the Department of Justice.

RESPONSE TO CERTAIN MILITARY EXPOSURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Department of Defense and Veterans' Affairs response to certain military exposures, after receiving testimony from Senators Wyden and Hagan; Michael R. Peterson, Chief Consultant, Environmental Health Strategic Healthcare Group, Office of Public Health & Environmental Hazards, and Stephen C. Hunt, National Director, Post-Deployment Integrated Care Initiative, both of the Veterans Health Administration, and Bradley G. Mayes, Director, Compensation and Pension Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs; and R. Craig Postlewaite, Acting Director, Force Health Protection and Readiness Programs, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs, Captain Paul Gillooly, Medical Services Corps, United States Navy (Ret.), Navy/Marine Corps Public Health Center, Major General Eugene G. Payne, Jr., Assistant Deputy Commandant for Installations and Logistics (Facilities), and John J. Resta, Scientific Adviser, U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion & Preventive Medicine, all of the Department of Defense; John R. Nuckols, Colorado State University, Fort Collins; Robert F. Miller, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, Tennessee; Charles E. Feigley, University of South Carolina Arnold School of Public Health, Washington, D.C.; Michael Sean Partain, Tallahassee, Florida; Stacy Pennington, Pleasant View, Tennessee; Laurie Paganelli, California, Maryland; Herman Gibb, Arlington, Virginia; and Russell Powell, Moundsville, West Virginia.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 30 public bills, H.R. 3758–3787; and 10 resolutions, H.

Con. Res. 196–197; and H. Res. 814–821 were introduced. **Pages H11165–67**

Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: